

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1-1. Purpose. This manual provides planting design guidelines for preserving and improving the quality of the visual environment on military installations; prescribes standard practices and techniques for planting and initial care of plant materials; and includes guidance for the selection and establishment of turf.

1-2. Scope. The criteria and guidelines contained in this manual apply to Army and Air Force installations in the continental United States. Planting design guidance in this manual is generally applicable for all installations. However, each installation should develop planting plans tailored to the specific landscape project. In addition to general design guidance, this manual describes planting

techniques and methods for the successful establishment of plants. Factors which are critical in the selection of turfgrass are discussed; these include site evaluation, proposed use of the site and required maintenance.

1-3. References. Appendix A contains a list of references used in this document. In addition to the references, recommendations on the selection, establishment, and maintenance of plants tolerant to specific site conditions can be obtained from the local Agricultural Extension Service, the local Soil Conservation Service and from state and local park, forest, and wildlife agencies.